

14 May 2012

TO THE HEADS OF ALL CENTRES IN ENGLAND WITH ENTRIES FOR CCEA EXAMINATIONS

Dear Colleague

CCEA Qualifications

CCEA will not be offering its qualifications in England after the dates set out in this letter. This decision has been taken as a result of emerging policy differences between England and Northern Ireland.

The decision was not taken lightly and I would like to thank you for the support you have given us over the last number of years and for choosing CCEA for your qualifications.

We also accept that this news is being communicated to you in this the summer term. While decisions on the future assessment of GCSEs in England were taken as far back as September 2011, no decisions were taken here in Northern Ireland until Spring 2012.

In recognition of this, we are providing a programme of guidance and support as set out below.

Timeline for Change

- **GCSE** - Centres with students who started courses in September 2011 will be able to continue through to cash-in in Summer 2013. CCEA will not be accepting entries for GCSE courses starting in September 2012 onwards.
- **GCE AS/A level** - CCEA will continue to accept entries for courses starting in September 2012 and 2013.

This information is set out in more detail in the table overleaf.

Action

It is important for us to know that you have received this information and understand what this decision means for your centre.

To confirm that you have received this letter please complete and return the enclosed fax-back by *Friday 01 June 2012*.

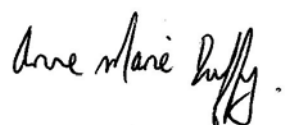
Helpline

We have set up a **dedicated helpline** to answer any queries you might have on this matter. The helpline will run from Monday 21 May 2012 to Friday 25 May 2012. Please contact the **direct line 028 9026 1227** during office hours.

Staff on the helpline will be able to offer assistance on areas such as:

- the detail on last entries and cash-ins for CCEA qualifications;
- the provision of re-sit opportunities; and
- identification of similar courses offered by other Awarding Organisations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Marie Duffy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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CCEA will not be offering its qualification in England after the dates set out below.

GCSE	Teaching from Sept 2012	Last Entry	Last Summer Cash-in	Last Re-sit Opportunity	Last Cash-in
Year 11	Continue with courses started in Sept 2011	Feb 2013	Summer 2013	Summer 2014	Summer 2014
Year 10	Not available	No Entry	No Award	No Re-sit	No Cash-in

GCE	Last Date for Starting Teaching	Last Entry	Last Summer Cash-in	Last Re-sit Units	Last Cash-in
Year 12 - AS	Sept 2013	March 2014	Summer 2014	Jan 2015 (for AS Learners)	January 2015
Year 13 - A2	Sept 2014	March 2015	Summer 2015	Summer 2015 (AS Units)	January 2016
		Oct 2015	N/A	Jan 2016 (A2 Units)	January 2016

N/A – Not Applicable

FAX – BACK

**Communication re:
CCEA General Qualifications
in England**

*To confirm receipt of letter from CCEA dated
14 May 2012*



Rewarding Learning

Please confirm that you have received the attached letter from CCEA dated 14 May 2012 regarding its decision not to offer General qualifications in England as per the timeframe outlined in the letter.

Please complete and return by fax by *Friday 01 June 2012*.

CENTRE NAME:	
CENTRE NUMBER:	
EMAIL(S):	

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE

Please reply by Friday 01 June 2012

FAX-BACK NUMBER: (028) 9026 1222

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